

Updates and Helpful Information on the Effects of a Potential Shutdown

Congressman Hoyer is working with Republicans and Democrats to avoid a government shutdown. Democrats believe we must cut spending, and that it can be done without hurting American families and workers. But so far, Republicans have refused to compromise, even though Democrats have agreed to 70 percent of their proposed spending cuts. Republicans' proposal, which failed in the Senate, rejects Americans' priorities by cutting investments that allow us to out-build, out-innovate, and out-educate our competitors. According to non-partisan experts, it would cut hundreds of thousands of jobs. We can cut spending without cutting jobs, ending Medicare or slashing Pell grants for college students. Democrats are hopeful that a compromise can be reached to fund the government for the remainder of the fiscal year.

If, despite our best efforts, a government shutdown does occur, Congressman Hoyer's office will remain open to help our constituents to the best of our ability.

Should the Federal Government shutdown, many services are expected to be unavailable or significantly curtailed:

- Some tax refunds will likely not be processed, nor will applications for new Social Security beneficiaries or passports.
- Current Social Security beneficiaries will receive payments, as they are electronic, but processing disability claims may stall.
- National Parks and the Smithsonian Institution will be closed.

As a reminder, taxes are still due on April 18th.

Please see links below for additional resources. This page will be updated as additional information becomes available from relevant agencies.

More Information on the Potential Effects of a Government Shutdown:

[Congressional Research Service: Shutdown of the Federal Government: Causes, Processes, and Effects](#)

[Office of Personnel and Management: The Potential Impact of a Lapse in Appropriations on Federal Employees](#)

[Washington Post: Government Agency shutdown plan details: What is my agency's plan if the government shuts down?](#)